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ABDIJAN FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG

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SUB: FON MIN BOTHA WINS ELECTION TO PARLIAMENT

1. WITH HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE POST OF MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ROELOF "PIK" BOTHA WAS OBLIGED ALSO TO WIN ELECTION TO PARLIAMENT IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FULLY FOR A MINISTERIAL POST. HE WAS NOMINATED TO RUN IN A BY-ELECTION HELD MAY 11 IN THE JOHANNESBURG AREA OF WESTDENE, NATIONAL PARTY
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STRONGHOLD, TO REPLACE A FORMER PARLIAMENTARIAN RECENTLY APPOINTED TOO ANOTHER GOVERNMENTAL POST.

2. WITH BOTH'S ACTUAL ELECTION NEVER IN DOUBT, THE UNITED AND PROGRESSIVE REPORM PARTIES DID NOT NOMINATE CANDIDATES. ULTRA CONSERVATIVE HERSIGTE NASIONALE PARTEI CONDUCTED A BLACK MENACE" TYPE OF CAMPAIGN

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IN OPPOSITION TO A MAN THEY SAID WOULD BE TOO FLEXIBLE
IN THE FACE OF INTERNATIONAL PRESSURES, AND WOULD SELL
WHITE INTERESTS TOO CHEAPLY. BOTHA USED CAMPAIGN
PLATFORMS TO ISSUE STRONG STATEMENTS IN
CONNECTION WITH RECENT POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS SUCH AS THE
FIVE POWER INITIATIVE ON NAMIBIA, AMBASSADOR
YOUNG'S STATEMENTS AND PLANS TO VISIT SOUTH AFRICA,
AND THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM, MAKING IT CLEAR THAT HE WOULD
NEVER YIELD WHEN BASIC SA INOERESTS WERE AT STAKE.

3. WITH JUST OVER TI PERCENT OF THE REGISTERED VOTERS PARTICIPATING
BOTHA WON BY A LANDSLIDE, PILING UP THE LARGEST MARGIN
IN RECENT HISTORY. HE RECEIVED OVER
9100 VOTES TO HIS OPPONENTS 652. MAY 12 PRESS AND
MEDIA ARE FULL OF STATISTICS ESIGNED TO SHOW THAT BOTHA,
AS WELL AS THE NATIONAL PARTY, HAS SOUNDLY DEFEATED THE
RIGHT WING. BOTHA SAID THAT
HIS OVERWHELMING VICTORY REPRESENTED A "MANDATE FOR
INTERNAL CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA."

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